

REMARKS

Pursuant to the Examiner's request in the Office Action dated June 22, 2004, two new sheets of drawings of the telephone device of the present invention are being submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been entered.

Claims 17-24 and 26-33 remain in this application. Claim 25 has been canceled.

Independent Claim 17 has been amended so as to include the limitations of now-canceled Claim 25. Thus, in addition to its original elements, Claim 17 further requires that the first component is arranged within the first optically conductive body and the second component is arranged within the second optically conductive body. Such arrangement requires that no additional electrical contact wires are necessary for the circuits and electronic components of the associated bus system.

The Examiner rejected, in particular, dependent Claim 25 of the present application under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Buhrmann et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,854,984). With respect to optical conductivity, Applicant respectfully submits that Buhrmann merely discloses an relatively generalized way that contacts 57 and 80 could be optical contacts. However, nowhere in the Buhrmann reference is it taught or suggested, nor even contemplated, to actually incorporate components of the telephone device within a respective optically conductive body. Indeed, such optical conductivity arrangement is in no way what the Buhrmann reference is even directed to. Buhrmann merely seeks to incorporate a radio telephone and a detachable pager in a single body.

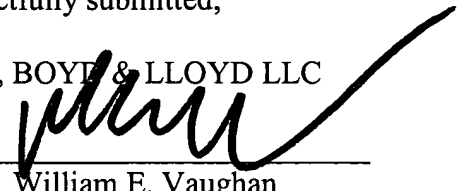
In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 17 of the present application, as well as Claims 18-24 and 26-33 which respectfully depend therefrom, are both novel and nonobvious over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely notice of allowance be issued in this case.

It is further acknowledged that a three-month extension of time of \$1020 is due in connection with this response at this time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this Application as a whole, the office is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from deposit account number 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket No. (0112740-465) on the account statement.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes two new figures showing the telephone device of the present invention.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets